

SWEN90016

Software Processes & Project Management

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2019 – Semester 1 Lecture 4



Today's Quiz

- 1. Not marked.
- 2. Exam multiple choice questions will be selected from these.

Respond at PollEv.com/harrydrakos482
Text HARRYDRAKOS482 to +61 427 541 357 once to join

Apologies for the Lecture recording last week.

Student Reps
We need 2 volunteers to be Student Reps.
First two people to come and see me on the break will be selected.



Lecture 3 – Questions

Question – Internal & External Stakeholders

External stakeholders are people who have a stake (interest) in some aspect of the project, but are not in the software development organization / are external to the organization.





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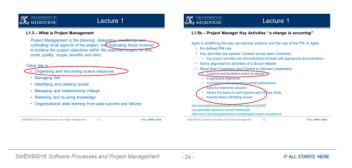
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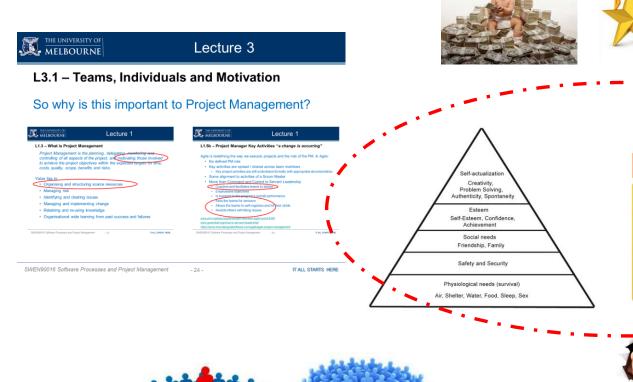




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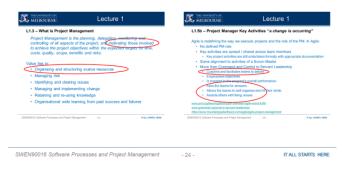
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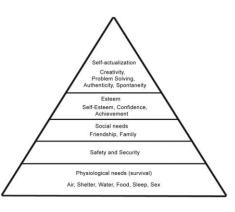
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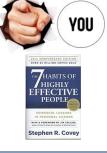














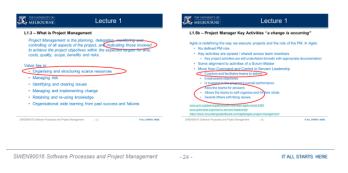
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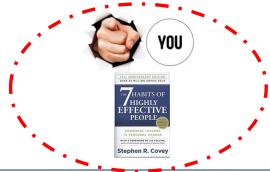




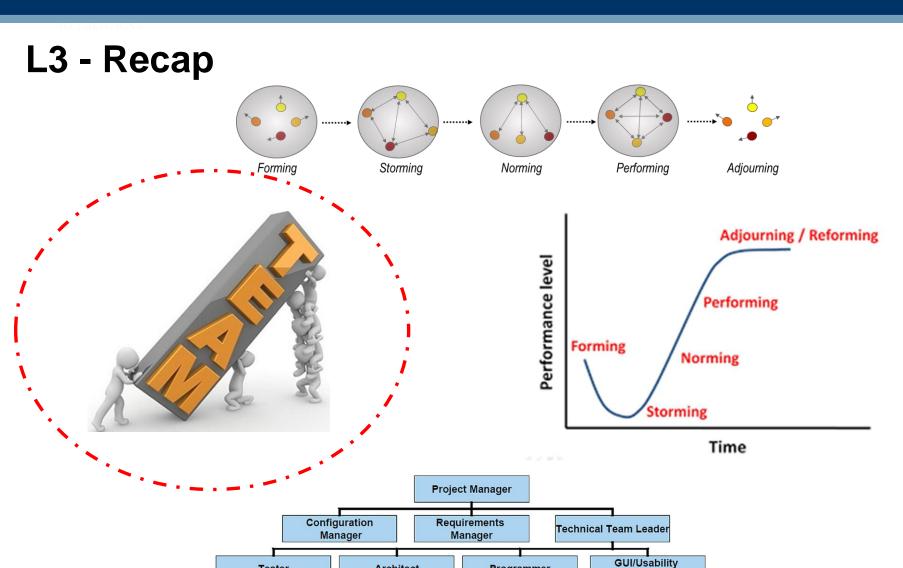












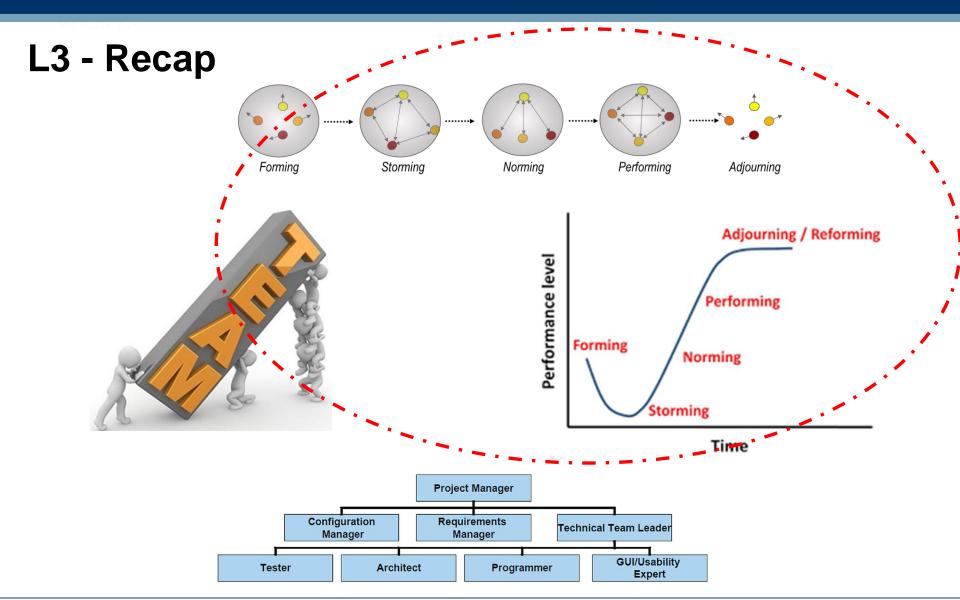
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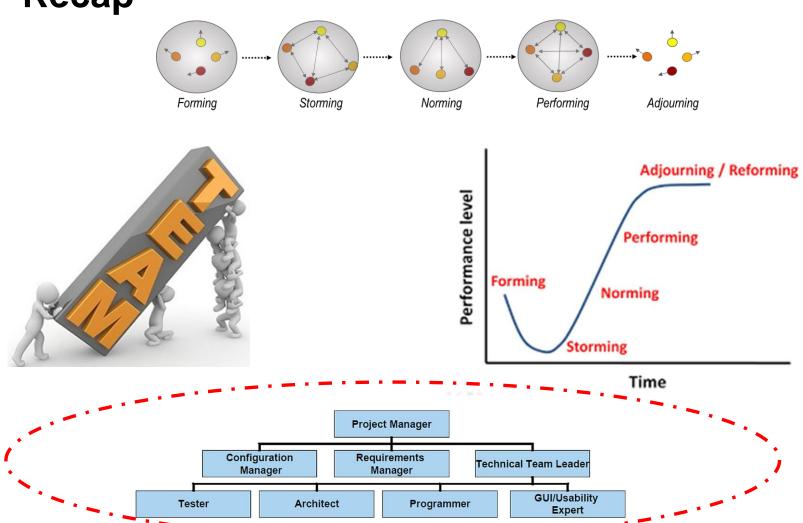




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L4 – Lets Start with an Experiment



- How do we communicate?
- I will pass a message to someone in the front who will then whisper it to the person next to them. You will each repeat it throughout the lecture
- At the end of the lecture I will ask the person who last received the message to share with us what they heard
- There is no right or wrong answer our objective is to see how we communicate a straight forward message



L4 - Intended Learning Objectives

- L4.1 Understand the communication challenge
- L4.2 Understand the importance of listening
- L4.3 Understand the importance of communicating effectively & some key skills
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L4.1 – Communication Challenges



Individual

- Semantics [meaning]
- Perception [interpretation]
- Communication Channel
- Feedback
- Anxiety
- Culture



- Status
- Silos
- Information Overload
- Lack of Communication
- Protocol [rules]



L4.1 – Communication Challenges

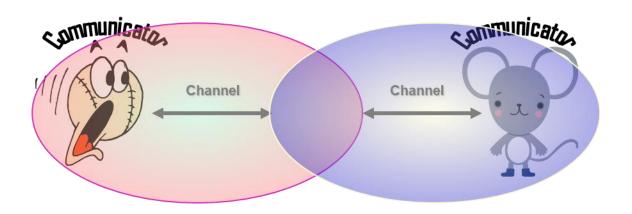




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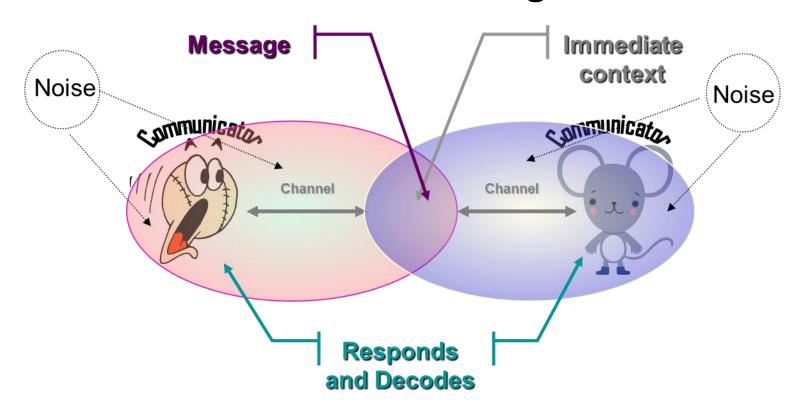
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L4.2 – Understand the importance of Listening

Hearing is the act of perceiving sound by the ear.

Listening requires concentration and is the process of taking in what you hear and mentally organising it so it makes sense.

The Act of Listening Demands Real Effort

Listening is An Essential Life Skill



Truly Effective Listeners are Rare

Few People Practice
Listening and Even Fewer
Have Been Trained to Listen



- Why Do We Listen?
 - Promotes problem-solving abilities
 - Demonstrates acceptance of others
 - Builds and retains trust in relationships
 - Increase speaker's receptiveness to thoughts and ideas of others
 - Increases self-esteem of the speaker helps you evaluate messages
 - Helps you understand and retain information
 - Allows you to help others



- The Process of Listening
 - Predicting [some expected outcome]
 - Receiving
 - Assigning meaning
 - Assess / Validate
 - Remembering

- Types of Listening
 - Passive Listening Lectures
 - Taking in the information without processing or reacting
 - Active or Empathetic Listening Tutorials
 - Show interest
 - Asks questions
 - Avoid distractions
 - Use direct eye contact
 - Do not interrupt
 - Read both verbal and nonverbal messages



- Types of Listening
 - Critical Listening Problem Solving
 - Determine speaker's motive
 - Challenge and question ideas
 - Distinguish fact from opinion
 - Recognise your own bias
 - Evaluate the message



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L4.2 – Understand the importance of Listening

Challenges to Listening

- Physiological limitations
- Inadequate background information
- Selective memory or expectations
- Fear of being influenced / persuaded
- Bias and being judgemental
- Boredom or interference from emotions
- Partial listening and distractions mobile phones / background noise
- Physical barrier e.g. environment, lighting, uncomfortable seating
- Cultural differences [understanding the spoken words]
- Past experiences
- Jargon & Acronyms



L4.2 – Understand the importance of Listening

The Importance of Active Listening

- Shows the speaker you are concerned or interested
- Leads to getting better information
- Encourages further communication
- Has the potential to enhance relationships
- Can calm down someone who is upset
- Invites others to listen to you
- Leads to better co-operation and problem solving



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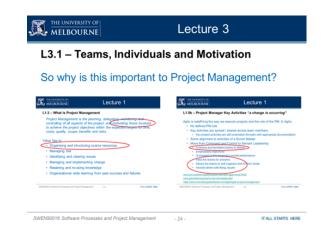
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L4.3 – Communication key skills & importance

Communication Skills are critical in Project Management

- Verbal communication [including listening]
- Delivering presentations / updates
- Recognising, defining and solving problems
- Motivating and influencing others
- Delegating
- Setting goals & articulating a vision
- Self-awareness
- Managing conflict
- Networking





L4.3 – Communication key skills & importance

Why Is This Important? Because successful Project Managers must have the ability to:

- Read / understand the client
- Run a meeting
- Communicate (written & orally) thoughts accurately
- Manage the team
- Influence your environment
- Communicate, ensure alignment and buy-in to purpose



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L4.4 – Communication Plan

- A large proportion of a Project Managers time is spent on communication
- Project Managers often use a Communications Plan to assist in managing and coordinating key communication messages
- A good project Communication Plan:
 - Ensures communications is effective and efficient
 - Allows the Project Manager to be pro-active
 - Sets a common understand of what will be done and when
 - Clarifies who is responsible for key items, what will be delivered and by who

http://www.projectmanagementdocs.com/project-planning-templates/communications-management-plan.html#ixzz5A9VcGljd



L4.4 – Communication Plan

A Communications Plan defines:

- What information will be communicated detail and format
- · Communication Channel meetings, email, telephone, web portal, etc.
- When information will be distributed frequency of formal and informal comms
- Who is responsible
- Communication needs of stakeholders
- Resources the project will allocate for communication
- How sensitive or confidential information will be communicated & who will authorise this
- The flow of project communications
- Any constraints (internal or external) which affect project communications
- Any standard templates, formats, or documents the project must use
- Escalation process for resolving any communication-based conflicts or issues



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L4.4 – Communication Plan

Example

Is underpinned by a Communications Matrix

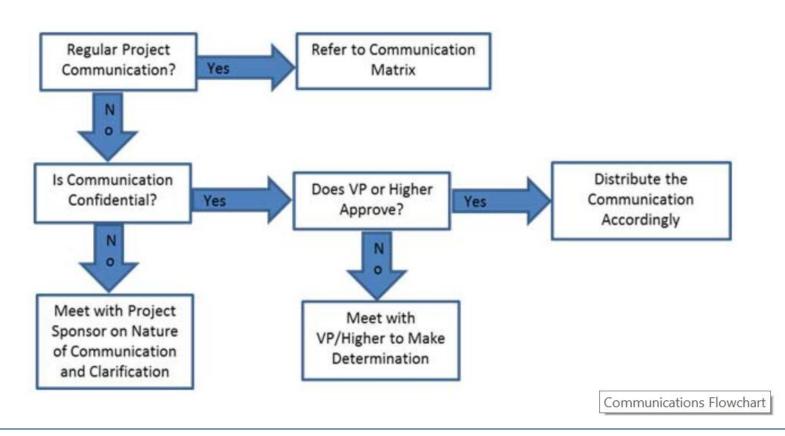
Stakeholder	Communication Objective	Format	Frequency	Owner	Importance
Sponsor	Provide updates on project progress, key issues, success and support required	Regular Meeting - face to face	Weekly	Project Manager	High
Business Expert	Gather requirements, sign-off all scope, approve prototype and final acceptance	Formal Report Formal Report / documentation	Monthly Fortnightly	Project Manager	High
Finance	Future funding approval	Project Finances	Bi-monthly	Finance rep	High
Human Resources	Identify staff required for project and deal with all staff related items	Resource plans	Monthly	Project Support	Medium
Risk Department	Identify risks and mitigation strategies and ensure they are being followed	Risk Management Plan	Monthly	Project Support	Medium
Internal IT Staff	Identify resources for all phases including Design, Requirements Gathering, Development and Production Implementation	Regular Meeting - face to face Formal Report	Weekly Monthly	Project Manager	High
External IT Staff / Supplier	To ensure they can execute on their Testing Services contract	Formal Report	Monthly	Project Manager	Low



L4.4 – Communication Plan

Example

.....and a Communication Flowchart





L4.4 – Communication Plan

Example

.....and a Communication Escalation Plan

Prirority	Definition	Decision Authority	Timeframe for Resolution
Priority 1	Major impact to project or business operations. If not resolved quickly there will be a significant adverse impact to revenue and/or schedule.	General Manager	Within 4 hours
Priority 2	Medium impact to project or business operations which may result in some adverse impact to revenue and/or schedule	Project Manager	Within 1 business day
Priority 3	Slight impact which may cause some minor scheduling difficulties with the project but no impact to business operations or revenue.	Project Manager	Within 2 business day
Priority 4	Insignificant impact to project but there may be a better solution.	Project Manager	Work continues and any recommendations are submitted via the project change control process.

Listening.....

is the act of perceiving sound by the ear

requires concentration and is the process of taking in what you hear and mentally and organising it so it makes sense

Which activity is NOT part of the process of listening?

Predicting some expected outcome

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Assigning meaning

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What are some of the challenges to listening?

Physiological limitations

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Lecture Break

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Please return promptly as the

Lecture will re-start in 10 mins



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- L4.6 Understand the Stakeholder Management Process
- L4.7 Identifying Stakeholders & the Stakeholder Register
- L4.8 Understand Stakeholder Engagement and Planning



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Importance of Face to Face meetings

- 58% of communication is through body language
- 35% of communication is through how the words are said
- 7% of communication is through content or words that are spoken
- Pay attention to more than just the actual words
- A person's tone or voice and body language can say a lot about how they really feel
- Non verbal comms govern how other people feel about us and also how we feel about ourselves

Body Language - Spend some time looking at Ted Talk https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks-_Mh1QhMc



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Items to remember

- Rarely does the receiver interpret a message exactly as the sender intended
- Geographical location and cultural background affect the complexity of communications
 - Different working hours
 - Language barriers
 - Different cultural norms
- Communication helps manage conflicts effectively
- Spend time developing communication skills practice & feedback
- Choose the channel appropriately



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Commination Channels – some examples

Choose carefully as it will make a difference

How well medium is Suited to:	Hard Copy	Telephone Call	Voice Mail	eMail	Meeting / f2f	Web Site
Confirming commitments	1	3	3	1	2	1
Building consensus	3	2	3	3	1	3
Mediating conflict	3	2	3	3	1	3
Resolving misunderstanding	3	1	3	3	1	3
Addressing negative behaviour	3	2	3	2	1	3
Expressing support / appreciation	1	1	2	1	1	1
Encouraging creative thinking	2	3	3	2	1	3

1 = Most suited, 2 = Less suited and 3 = Least Suited



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Running Effective Meetings

Meetings - Lets have a look...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cF39VQXEpjk

Reference Video Art – www.videoarts.com



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Running Effective Meetings

- Determine if Meeting Can Be Avoided
- Define the Purpose and Intended Outcome
- Determine Who Should Attend the Meeting
- Provide an Agenda [before the meeting]
- Prepare any Handouts or Visual Aids
- Control the meeting Focus discussions on agenda topics
- Set Ground Rules Only one person at a time talking
- Summarise actions, dates, owners and next steps as you go via an Action Register
- Follow up formally with scheduled activities to ensure progress



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L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Running Effective Meetings – Agenda

Company ABC

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT #99

Agenda- Meeting # 3 26 March 2018 – 8.00am to 9.00am

Melbourne University - Old Arts Building Lecture Theatre

ITEM	TITLE	ТҮРЕ	LEAD
1	Welcome and apologies	Verbal	Chair / Sponsor
2	Objectives of this meeting – Key decisions	Papers	Chair / Sponsor
3	Review Past Action Items	Papers	Project Manager
4	Project Update – Finances, Risks, Issues	Papers	Project Manager
5	Sign-off Project Scope	Papers	Sponsor / Business SME
6	Open Forum	Verbal	Chair / Sponsor
7	Review Action Items from this meeting	Verbal	Project Manager
8	Next Meeting and Meeting close	Verbal	Chair / Sponsor



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Running Effective Meetings – Action Register

Company ABC - Software Development Project #99

ACTION ITEM REGISTER

Action Item No.	Meeting Dates	Agenda Item	Actions	Owner	Action Item (Open/ Closed)	Status / Update
1	14 Feb 2018	Item # 3 - Project Update	Review financials and update to include additional scope items.	Project Manager	Open	Discussion with the Business SME confirmed items are required and are now in scope. Discussions with Finance for additional funds to cover development. Finance has approved additional funds. Item can now be closed.
2	10 Mar 2018	Item # 4 - Risks	Project Manager to review all development risks and update to include mitigation strategies to cover development resources who have recently resigned.	Project Manager	Open	This activity has not yet started. It will be started in early April with an expected completion date of 25 th April 2018.
Closed	Action Items					
3	14 Feb 2018	Item # 2 – Business Stakeholder Engagement	Review and advise work order status post 31 October 2017.	Sponsor & Project Manager	Closed	Organise meetings with key stakeholders to walk them through the Project Charter and get their buy-in.
4	14 Jan 2018	Item # 5 - Resourcing	Key resources are required to be allocated to run the Project. A dedicated Project Manager is required.	Sponsor	Closed	Sponsor spoke to HR and a suitably skilled Project Manager has been identified and allocated to the project. Start date is 28 th Jan 2018.



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Conflict

Conflict in projects will occur and will have different levels of impact.



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Conflict

Conflict is the single most undermanaged activity and if left unresolved will destroy a project. Key causes within a Project

- Schedule
- Intellectual disagreements
- Personalities
- Project Priorities
- Manpower
- Technical
- Administration
- Personality
- Cost



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Common Conflicts across the Project Life Cycle

1. Definition / Mobilisation Phase

- Disputes / Conflict can occur:
 - Relative importance of this project against other projects
 - Which Project Management / SDLC methodology should be used
 - Key personnel to lead and drive this activity – who is available and who do we want
 - High level costs, benefits, timelines and milestones

2. Planning Phase

- Disagreements / Conflict include:
 - Final schedule, cost, timelines, deliverables
 - Availability of resources and when they are required
 - Spending funds before projects are formally approved
 - Decisions rights
 - Technical requirements / solutions to be used



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Common Conflicts across the Project Life Cycle

3. Execution Phase

- Disputes / Conflict can occur:
 - Schedule slippage, technical problems, quality and staffing
 - Missed milestones
 - Resource allocation when are they required compared to when were they planned for – due to delays
 - Management of 3rd party suppliers / external companies engage to deliver services

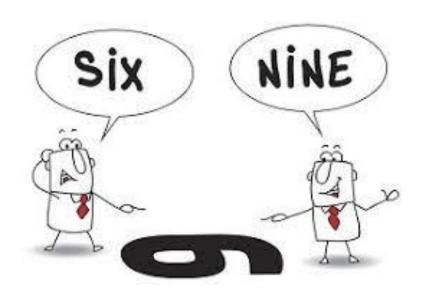
4. Delivery Phase

- Disagreements / Conflict include:
 - Schedule, quality and costs
 - Scope what was expected / removed
 - Missed milestones
 - Release windows
 - Staff burnout



L4.5 – Key Communication Consideration Conflict

Deal with it quickly and succinctly and BEFORE it becomes a major issue





L4 – Lets check-out our experiment



Our experiment finished with

What did the last person hear?

And started with



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L4.6 – Stakeholder Management Process

Project Stakeholder Management Process:

- 1. Identifying Stakeholders.
- 2. Planning Stakeholder Management.
- 3. Managing Stakeholder Engagement.



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L4.7 - Identifying Stakeholders & the Stakeholder Register

Internal Stakeholders	External Stakeholders
Shareholders	Customers
Employees	Suppliers
Board Members	Governments
Sponsor / Business Managers	Unions
Project Manager	Public [Local Communities / General Public]
Management	Other Related Institutions [e.g. Financial]
Project Team	Competitors



L4.7 - Identifying Stakeholders & the Stakeholder Register

- Identification information: The stakeholders' names, positions, locations, roles in the project, and contact information
- Assessment information: The stakeholders' major requirements and expectations, potential influences, and phases of the project in which stakeholders have the most interest
- Stakeholder classification: Is the stakeholder internal or external to the organisation? Is the stakeholder a supporter of the project or resistant to it?



L4.7 - Identifying Stakeholders & the Stakeholder Register

Name	Position	Internal/External	Project Role	Contact Information
Stephen	VP of Operations	Internal	Project Sponsor	stephen@globaloil.com
Betsy	CFO	Internal	Senior Manager. Approves Funds	betsy@globaloil.com
Chien	CIO	Internal	Senior Manager. PM's Boss	chien@globaloil.com
Ryan	IT Analyst	Internal	Team Member	ryan@globaloil.com
Lori	Director Accounting	Internal	Senior Manager	lori@globaloil.com
Sanjay	Director Refineries	Internal	Senior Manager of Largest Refinery	sanjay@globaloil.com
Debra	Consultant	External	Project Manager	debra@globaloil.com
Suppliers	Suppliers	External	Software Supplier	suppliers@gmail.com



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L4.8 – Understanding Stakeholder Engagement and Planning

Levels of Stakeholder Engagement

- <u>Unaware:</u> Unaware of the project and its potential impacts on them
- Resistant: Aware of the project yet resistant to change
- <u>Neutral</u>: Aware of the project yet neither supportive nor resistant
- Supportive: Aware of the project and supportive of change
- <u>Champion / Leading:</u> Aware of the project and drives change



L4.8 – Understanding Stakeholder Engagement and Planning

The stakeholder management plan can include:

- Current and desired engagement levels
- Interrelationships between stakeholders
- Communication requirements
- Potential management strategies for each stakeholder
- Methods for updating the stakeholder management plan

Note: Because a stakeholder management plan often includes sensitive information, it may not be part of the official project documents, which are normally available for all stakeholders to review.

In many cases, only project managers and a few other team members should prepare the stakeholder management plan. Parts of the stakeholder management plan may not be written down, and if they are, distribution is limited.



L4.8 – Understanding Stakeholder Engagement and Planning

Stakeholder Analysis includes:

- Names and Organisations of Key Stakeholders
- Their Role on the Project
- Unique Facts about Each Stakeholder
- Level of Interest in the Project
- Influence on the Project
- Suggestions and Strategies for Managing Relationships with each Stakeholder



L4.8 – Understanding Stakeholder Engagement and Planning

Stakeholder Analysis example:

Name	Power / Influence	Current Engagement	Potential Management Strategies
Brian	High/High	Champion / Leading	Brian can seem intimidating due to his physical stature and deep voice, but he has a great personality and sense of humour. He previously led a similar software upgrade project at another company and knows what he wants. Manage closely and ask for his advice as required. He likes to be kept in touch with short, frequent updates in person.
Mary	High/Medium	Resistant	Mary is very organised yet hardhead. She has been pushing corporate IT standards, and the system the PM and sponsors like best goes against those standards, even though it's the best solution for this project and the company as a whole. Need to convince her that it is ok and that people still respect her work and position.
Finance Team	Medium/High	Resistant	The Finance Team is resistant to the Project. They believe the funds can be better used elsewhere in the organisations. They also believe the Benefits are not achievable in the defined pay back period. Key stakeholder as they control the funding which the project is dependant on. Need to convince them of the costs & benefits and ensure they understand the detail. Get them involved in a detailed review of all \$'s.
Jessica	High/Low	Neutral	Very professional, logical person. Gets along with Mary. She has supported Brian in approving past projects with strong business cases. Provide detailed financial justification for the suggested solution to keep her satisfied. Also ask her to talk to Mary on Brian's behalf.

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Run a meeting

Communicate (written & orally) thoughts accurately

Manage the team

Influence your environment

All of the above

Why are face to face (f2f) meetings important?

It is good to sit down and see people as we are usually so busy

It isn't - I don't like seeing and speaking with people

Beacuse 58% of communication is through body language

So that I can really tell them what I am thinking

All of the above

Resolving conflict is best done through:

Email

Web site

Hardcopy

A face to face meeting

Not at all - I don't like conflict

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